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A ceremony honoring those who died in roadway work zones was held earlier this month at the Transportation Cabinet in Frankfort. The ceremony was centered around a national memorial dedicated to workers, law enforcement personnel, emergency personnel, motorists and their passengers.

Among the names listed on the memorial wall are Kentucky residents, some of whom were KYTC employees.

### **FRANKLIN L. CHANDLER**

KYTC work zone worker - Resident of Independence (Kenton County)

### **DONALD LEE HENDERSON**

Work zone worker - Resident of Lancaster (Garrard County)

### **PATRICK M. HOWARD**

KYTC work zone worker - Resident of Kettle Island (Bell County)

### **JAMES R. LUNSFORD**

Motorist - Resident of Berea (Madison County)

### **ARNOLD RAY MASON**

KYTC work zone worker - Resident of Pineville (Bell County)

### **JAMES EDWARD NOEL**

KYTC work zone worker - Resident of Hampton (Livingston County)

### **JAMES H. O'BRYAN, JR.**

KYTC work zone worker - Resident of Louisville (Jefferson County)

### **DAVID L. PRATER, JR.**

Motorist - Resident of Jeffersonville (Montgomery County)

### **LUKE C. RICHARDSON**

KYTC work zone worker - Resident of Franklin (Simpson County)

### **JOHN S. SIMPSON**

KYTC work zone worker - Resident of Bloomfield (Nelson County)

### **RICKY SWARTZ**

Work zone worker - Resident of Olympia (Bath County)

### **WILLIAM W. WILLISON**

KYTC work zone worker - Resident of Maysville (Mason County)

*(Some KYTC employees are not included on the wall. If KYTC did not receive a signed authorization form from the employee's family, then his/her name could not be released.)*

Debra Willison, wife of William Willison, joined Transportation Deputy Secretary Dick Murgatroyd at the ceremony to reinforce the work zone safety message to Kentuckians. "I kissed him bye and told him to be careful. I'd done that for 21 years every morning when he went to work." Debra relived the day

her husband was tragically killed while working on KY 9 in Maysville in 2001. "Work zone workers have the right to be safe on our roadways," exclaimed Debra as a tear rolled down her cheek. "A part of me died that day too. He was my life."

Murgatroyd told victims' families, friends, coworkers and acquaintances, "We must draw attention to the things that workers and motorists can do to protect themselves in roadway work zones and we hope that by taking a few minutes to reflect and remember, we can save lives in the future."

In closing, Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement Chaplain Keith Cox said a heart-felt prayer for all the workers, motorists and the family members of the victims.

The memorial wall was on display at the Cabinet for three days to give victims' families, friends, coworkers and even Cabinet visitors the chance to view the exhibit. Over the next few months, the memorial will visit Arizona, New Jersey, Virginia, North Carolina, Texas, Michigan, and Washington.

The American Traffic Safety Services Foundation (ATSSF) unveiled the memorial, which they've entitled "Respect and Remembrance: Reflections of Life on the Road," in April 2002 as an everlasting monument to those killed in work zones across the country. ATSSF is a national group that seeks to build education and awareness concerning the roadway safety construction industry.



*Deputy Secretary Murgatroyd and Chaplain Keith Cox listen as Debra Willison delivers her moving testimony to the crowd.*



*A crowd of families, friends and KYTC employees gather at the ceremony.*



*The National Work Zone Memorial Wall on display at KYTC's central office in Frankfort.*

## MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY BAILEY

As we gear up for another construction season, making sure our workers and motorists are as safe as they can be is our number one priority. Getting the word out about work zone safety has been very successful this year. For starters, the Cabinet was fortunate to get the National Work Zone Memorial wall to visit our building in Frankfort. The memorial ceremony touched the hearts of many Kentuckians as TV, radio and newspapers spread the emotional message throughout the state. In addition, Deputy Secretary Murgatroyd was interviewed on the WLEX 18 "Let's Do Lunch" noontime show. He explained to Kentuckians how to drive safely in roadway work zones.

As many of you know, over the past few years, the Cabinet has encouraged drivers to look at the human side of the issue, with children of highway workers joining in on the message, "Please Slow Down, My Mom/Dad Works Here." Again this year, you will hear radio spots, and see signage in work zones throughout the state reminding travelers to slow down and take extra precautions when entering a work zone. Also, construction maps will be available at welcome centers and rest areas that outline major construction projects going on in the state.

Work zone safety is a significant problem in Kentucky and throughout the nation. In 2003, there were nine work zone fatalities in Kentucky. Unfortunately, three of those victims were Cabinet employees and one was a highway contractor employee. The Federal Highway Administration says there were 1,181 work zone fatalities in the U.S. in 2002. Statistics show that work zone fatalities are on the rise which is why we are doing all we can to spread public awareness.

Remember these 10 tips for driving safely in work zones and pass it on to your loved ones. This information may save your life and the lives of those you love.

- ◆ EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED.
- ◆ SLOW DOWN.



- ◆ DON'T TAILGATE.
- ◆ KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE BETWEEN YOUR VEHICLE AND THE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS AND THEIR EQUIPMENT.
- ◆ PAY ATTENTION TO THE SIGNS.
- ◆ OBEY ROAD CREW FLAGGERS.
- ◆ STAY ALERT AND MINIMIZE DISTRACTIONS.
- ◆ KEEP UP WITH THE TRAFFIC FLOW.
- ◆ SCHEDULE ENOUGH TIME TO DRIVE SAFELY. CALL 5-1-1 OR GO TO [WWW.511.KY.GOV](http://WWW.511.KY.GOV) FOR KENTUCKY TRAFFIC AND TRAVEL INFORMATION.
- ◆ BE PATIENT AND STAY CALM.

From the men and women working on our highways to the Cabinet employees who drive through construction zones to get to work, your safety is our top priority.

*Clay Bailey*



## MARC WILLIAMS JOINS KYTC AS COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS

**M**arc D. Williams, the Cabinet's new Commissioner of Highways, assumed his duties on March 8th. His office is located in the Department of Highways suite.

Prior to assuming his new post, Williams was a vice president with Wilbur Smith Associates, an internationally recognized engineering firm providing planning, design, construction and economic services for a broad range of infrastructure projects. Williams was responsible for regional management activities for Kentucky, southern Ohio and southern Indiana. He served as the associate-in-charge of the Lexington office.

During his 13 year tenure with Wilbur Smith, Williams was involved in a wide variety of transportation programs that have included regional transportation studies, multimodal plans and programs, highway corridor planning and development, economic analysis of infrastructure investment alternatives, environmental studies and community involvement

activities.

A native of Bryan, Texas, Williams holds bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering from Texas A & M University, where he specialized in transportation engineering. He was also awarded a graduate studies fellowship in the Advanced Institute for



*Marc Williams speaks at a press conference held by Governor Fletcher and Secretary Bailey announcing his appointment.*

Transportation Systems Operations and Management at the Texas Transportation Institute. Williams worked for three years at the Texas Transportation Institute.

In announcing his appointment in late February, Governor Ernie Fletcher said, "Marc represents the best in his field and has shown a long history of effectiveness in getting

things done. Marc offers a perspective on transportation issues that encompass a range of experience that the Secretary and I are seeking to bring to the Transportation Cabinet."

Marc and his wife Dana live in Lexington with their three children. He is an active member of the First United Methodist Church and is also involved in supporting youth sport and educational activities in the community.

Williams said he is excited about the opportunity to serve the Commonwealth as Commissioner of Highways and to serve on the team at KYTC. "I look forward to working with the staff, many of whom I have had the pleasure of working with for a number of years already. Please stop by and introduce yourself or let me know if I can be of any help," Williams added.

The new commissioner can be reached at (502) 564-3730 and his internal extension is 3130.

## CENTRAL OFFICE BUILDING IN FRANKFORT IS OFFICIALLY DEDICATED

Hundreds of central office KYTC employees gathered in front of the new building last week for an official dedication ceremony. Governor Ernie Fletcher joined KYTC Secretary Clay Bailey and Finance and Administration Secretary Robbie Rudolph for the event.

Gov. Fletcher praised the design of the new building and explained that it served as a beacon for him when he returned home to Frankfort at night. Secretary Bailey expressed appreciation to the staff for the inconveniences they had experienced during the two- year construction process. The new secretary said, “in addition to being a magnificent, first-class structure, it supports our mission of pro-

viding a safe and reliable transportation system for all Kentuckians.” He praised the workforce for their dedication to service on behalf of all our citizens.

Five KYTC employees were honored for the “above and beyond” service they provided during the construction and move-in process. Spencer Sullivan and Lori Gibson from the Division of Property and Supply Services were recognized, in addition to Larry Britton, Barry Harrod and Tom Moore from the Office of Technology.

For more photos of the building and the dedication ceremony, see [http://transportation.ky.gov/news/building\\_gallery.asp](http://transportation.ky.gov/news/building_gallery.asp).





Twenty-two KYTC employees volunteered to answer phones for Kentucky Educational Television's annual fund-raising drive. The KYTC team raised \$30,470 for a great cause.



On March 12, officers from Hiram Lodge No. 4 of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky Free and Accepted Masons conducted a symbolic cornerstone laying ceremony at the new Transportation building in Frankfort. For many years, they have laid figurative cornerstones for Frankfort's public buildings.

In this photo, the Grand Master pours wine on the stone saying, "I pour this wine as an emblem of joy and gladness. May the Great Ruler of the Universe preserve to the people of this, our beloved country, peace and harmony, and vouchsafe to them joy and gladness and every blessing."



A master mason presents Secretary Bailey with a certificate. In addition to the cornerstone and the certificate, the Masons gave other gifts including a level, a square and a plumb.



## KYTC'S JIM AND LESLIE ISAMAN BRING THE BEACH TO ANDERSON COUNTY

Kentucky might be several hundred miles from the ocean, but efforts are underway to construct a beach in Anderson County! No, there won't be swimming at this beach. Instead, all that sand will be used to play beach volleyball.

This entire volleyball craze in Lawrenceburg is due to the efforts of a couple of KYTC employees. Jim Isaman, of the office of policy and budget, and his wife, Leslie, of the vehicle enforcement division, are just crazy about beach volleyball and are wanting to bring the sport to their community. Actually, there is already a court located at the city's Community Park, but the Isamans are busy raising money and support to expand and improve the courts and purchase equipment. They hope to have teams ready to compete this summer.

While the game of volleyball dates back to 1895 and all of us can remember playing it in school, beach volleyball has only been a phenomenon for the last ten years. Volleyball became a part of the Olympic schedule in 1964, but the beach variety didn't join the Olympic line-up until 1996. Jim and Leslie, who enjoy both watching and playing the game, were in Atlanta to view the exciting debut. They also traveled to Las Vegas to check out other professional volleyball tournaments. Jim said they were impressed with how approachable the athletes were. One of his favorites is Karch Kiraly. Kiraly, 43, played in his first beach tourney at the age of 11. Now he is a three-time Olympic Gold Medalist and has made more than \$3 million in career prize money.

The main differences between regular and beach volleyball are that there are fewer players (maybe as few as two) participating in the beach variety and players compete without shoes unless the sand is very hot.

Although Jim had been involved in many different types of sports throughout his life, he finds that

beach volleyball is a great workout with a lot of running. It is more of a lifestyle sport than many other activities. Hanging out with friends and grilling are often parts of the experience. The clothing worn is also very colorful.

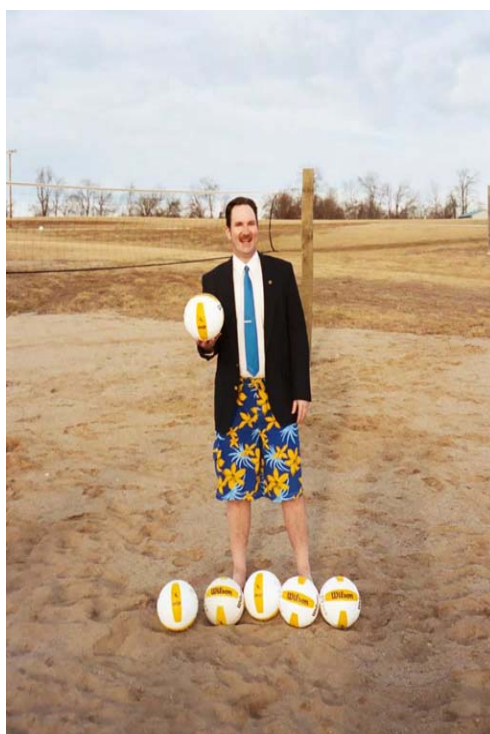
In preparation for the launch of the beach volleyball season in Anderson County, clinics are being held to help players with their skills. Currently, Jim has

22 students in his class being offered by Anderson Community Education. He is donating both the money he receives for his instruction and his pay from refereeing volleyball games to the parks and recreation department for the volleyball programs. This devoted fan is a firm believer that young people need to be exposed to the game for it to succeed on a long-term basis. The Isamans have been involved with the sport for 11 years and have played on a number of teams in the area. In 2001, Jim was even named "King of the Beach" in Frankfort. Both Jim and Leslie have won medals in the Bluegrass State games, with Leslie's team claiming the "Gold" in the most recent volleyball competition.

Anderson County Judge-executive Anthony Stratton has been a great fan of this project and he's working to obtain matching

grants for lighting at the courts. The parks and recreation department has also been a great supporter of this idea, according to Jim. Joining the Isamans in their crusade is Bill Barrett, a counselor who lives in Anderson County.

The Isamans said they would love to have other KYTC employees involved in this sport. To get more information about the game or the plans for the Anderson County development, contact Jim by e-mail at [jump\\_serve@hotmail.com](mailto:jump_serve@hotmail.com)



*Jim Isaman's unusual dress is symbolic of his fund-raising role for an Anderson County beach volleyball program.*

**T**his model bridge was used by our Cabinet's engineers at University of Kentucky's engineer day last month. It demonstrates truss behavior in a structure. By placing a load on one part of the bridge, participants can see how the rest of the bridge reacts to the load. About 250 people came by the display, which was sponsored by the Kentucky Engineering Exposure Network (KEEN).



**Recently, Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement Officer Jody Thompson and his canine partner "Axel" graduated from the KVE Canine Academy. "Tyson" is also a new graduate from the academy. "Tyson" is now KVE Canine Officer Steve Burke's new canine partner.**



*L to R: KVE Canine Officer Jody Thompson, "Axel" and KVE Commissioner Greg Howard.*



*L to R: KVE Canine Officer Steve Burke, "Tyson" and KVE Commissioner Greg Howard.*





Please welcome our new nurse, Rebecca McCoy, RN,BSN. She is located on the 1st floor, Room S304 in the back hallway. Her phone number is 564-4444 or extension 4278. Currently, Ms. McCoy will be available on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays (1/2 day in the afternoon). A tentative schedule will be placed on her door.

<http://transportation.ky.gov/highwaysafety/index.asp>

The Transportation Cabinet now has a new Highway Safety Web site. You can view the site directly from the link above or click on "Highway Safety Program" on the Cabinet's Main Web Page. We anticipate this to be an evolving and informative site that will provide up-to-date information relating to Cabinet Highway Safety activities. Our webmasters for this site are Telma Lightfoot and Ted Swanseger of the Division of Traffic Operations and Erin Eggen of the Division of Driver Safety. Thanks to these folks for their continued efforts to keep this site running on the web!

# COMMONWEALTH COMMUNIQUE

**FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN STATE GOVERNMENT!**

Go to <http://communique.ky.gov/february/tablecontents.htm> to see the latest edition of the Commonwealth Communique.



## Comic Corner

A little humor about achievement—

*Bob:* “Can you do anything that other people can’t?”

*Herb:* “Why, yes. I can read my own handwriting.”

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

We can do anything we want if we stick to it long enough.

—*Helen Keller*



## *We Have the Cure for Spring Fever!*

*Brought to you by the Kentucky Department of Parks*

April's warm weather is calling visitors to explore the natural beauty of Kentucky State Parks.

Experience the awe of nature through guided hikes, field trips, and photography workshops. Enjoy the springtime air with a brisk run or lazy bike ride through the blooming scenery that only Kentucky State Parks can provide.

### **April**

**1-4** Egg-citing Easter Fest, Fort Boonesborough State Park, Richmond. The Easter Bunny will be joining us for a weekend of fun. Enjoy bingo, free putt-putt, a camper decoration contest, Easter egg coloring, crafts, and Easter Egg Hunt. For registered campers only.

**3-4** Beginner Backpacking, Natural Bridge State Resort, Slade. This 8-mile overnight trip in the Daniel Boone National Forest's Red River Gorge is for those with little or no experience in backpacking. All meals and equipment are provided. Ages 18 and up. \$65 registration fee.

**3** Spring 5K Classic, Dale Hollow Lake State Resort, Burkesville. Compete in a very challenging 5K run and experience the beauty of springtime in the park. \$12 pre-registration fee or \$18 day of race. Prizes, awards, refreshments, and T-shirts available for participants. Pre-registration deadline April 1<sup>st</sup>. Race day registration 7:00 - 8:30 a.m. Race begins at 9:00 a.m.

**6** Community Education Trail Walks, Big Bone Lick State Park, Union. These walks showcase the diverse plant life and heritage of the Big Bone Lick area and the changes in the plants and flowers throughout the seasons. Walk begins at 1:30 p.m.

**10-11** Easter Celebrations, Kentucky State Parks. Follow the Easter Bunny to Kentucky State Parks this weekend for crafts, games, and of course an Easter Egg Hunt. Call the park of your choice for more information.

**16-17** Herpetology Weekend, Natural Bridge State Resort, Slade. Herpetologists will lead field trips to observe reptiles and amphibians in their native habitat. Snakes, lizards, turtles, frogs, and salamanders will be on display for examination and photography. Evening programs will feature prominent herpetologists discussing current topics. Demonstrations will include live venomous snakes. Registrations.

**16-18** Spring Photography Weekend, Pennyrile Forest State Resort, Dawson Springs. Capture the beauty of the forest through the lens of your camera! Spring Photography weekend features a contest with amateur and professional divisions, evening programs and award ceremony. 10% lodging discount for all registered participants. \$27 registration fee due before April 15<sup>th</sup>, \$30 after.

**17** Hillbilly Night, Jenny Wiley State Resort, Prestonsburg. It's Hillbilly Days in Eastern Kentucky! Enjoy a festive hillbilly supper with roasted pig, fried chicken, barbecued ribs, and all the trimmings. Entertainment includes square dancing, a comedian and much more. It's good eating to make you say "Yee Haw". The event is held in conjunction with the annual Hillbilly Festival in Pike County.

**17** Wildflower Extravaganza, John James Audubon State Park, Henderson. As winter gives way to spring, the forest floor at Audubon becomes clothed in a blanket of colorful spring wildflowers. Naturalist led hikes and activities will be offered throughout the day.

**17-18** Greenbo Quilt Show, Greenbo Lake State Resort, Greenup. Tri-state area quilters display their finest works. Ribbons awarded in various categories including Best of Show and People's Choice Award. Browse the merchant mall. Show hours are Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, noon - 4:00 p.m. Registration deadline April 16<sup>th</sup>.

**22 - June 6** "Mystic in Eloquent Watercolors," John James Audubon State Park, Henderson. Exquisite watercolor exhibit by local artist Greg Powell and Canadian Evelyn Konrad. Unique still life and landscapes will be on exhibit.

**23-24** Mountain Showcase, Buckhorn Lake State Resort, Buckhorn. Celebrate our Appalachian heritage with workshops on genealogy, exhibits, demonstrations, and "mountain" music and dancing! Appalachian authors will be on hand to sign their books. A performance of Grandpa Jones will be showcased during the weekend. All activities are free and open to the public.

**23-25** Camper's Appreciation Weekend, Kentucky State Park Campgrounds. Camp two nights for the price of one at your favorite Kentucky State Parks campground. Join in the planned activities and entertainment.

**23-25** Nature Photography Weekend, Cumberland Falls State Resort, Corbin. Nature photography buffs will enjoy this weekend that features a 24-hour slide competition. Photographers with all skill levels can pick up helpful tips from guest speakers. Plaques will be awarded in several categories in both beginner and advanced classes. Pre-registration is \$35 - deadline April 23. \$40 registration fee after.

**23-25** Wildflower Pilgrimage, Carter Caves State Resort, Olive Hill. Trillium, hepatica, and spring beauty abound at the valley edges and rocky outcroppings of Carter Caves. Special hikes and programs produce a "blooming" good time.

**24** Spring Bike Tour, Lake Barkley State Resort, Cadiz. This is a non-competitive riding tour for all ages. The bike tour features beautiful park and surrounding area roads. Tours offer rides of 15, 35, and 55 miles over the rolling hills of Western Kentucky. All riders must provide their own bikes and helmets. Maps will be provided and the course will be marked. Water stations will be available along the route. 9:00 a.m. start time. \$20 pre-registration fee or \$25 day of tour includes a T-shirt, lunch buffet, & fitness center day pass.

**29 - May 2** 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Wildflower Weekend, Natural Bridge State Resort, Slade. Three days of field trips and evening programs featuring botanists from all over Kentucky. Programs are offered for all levels of participation, from beginners to advanced wildflower enthusiasts and from short, easy walks to long hikes. Programs will include field trips to view and identify wildflowers in their native habitat, workshops on woody plants, ferns, mosses, and liverworts, edible and medicinal plants, plant photographers, & special programs just for children. Registration fee is \$5 per adult and \$2 per child.

**30 - May 1** Birding & Wildflower Weekend, Cumberland Falls State Resort, Corbin. This weekend will be a nature lover's dream. There will be guided wildflower and bird walks at various times on Saturday. Walks will cover topics ranging from identification to conservation. Guest speakers will conduct evening programs on birding basics and offer a Live Birds of Prey Show. Registration fee is \$5 per person or \$10 per family.

**30 - May 2** Kentucky Derby Fest Fort Boonesborough State Park, Richmond. If you cannot go to the Kentucky Derby, join us for the weekend instead. Enjoy a Derby party with games and activities. Join us for a Derby breakfast and then watch the race on a big screen TV. For registered campers only.



## **TRANSPORTATION CABINET EMPLOYEE RETIREMENTS**

***Month of February 2004***

**Patricia K. Foley**  
Office of Legal Services  
Class—Gen. Coun. II  
20 Years 1 Month

**Henry T. Donan**  
Highways—District 4  
Class—Tr Eng Te III  
19 Years 11 Months

**Woodrow F. Conley**  
Highways—District 9  
Class—Hwy Eq Op II  
7 Years 2 Months

**Robert A. Allensworth**  
Highways—District 2  
Class—Hwy Super I  
21 Years 11 Months

**John B. Westerfield**  
Highways—District 2  
Class—Garage Sv.  
24 Years 5 Months

**Pat C. Ishmael, Jr.**  
Highways—District 9  
Class—Hwy Super I  
31 Years 3 Months

**John S. Curtis**  
Highways—District 7  
Class—T Au/Tr T I  
16 Years 2 Months



## News From District Two



*Parker, left, and CD Palmer are steering committee members*

*David*

**D**avid Parker works in District 2 Planning and C.D. Palmer works in the District 2 Utility Section. Both men have always been active in their respective churches, but things got a little busier about two years ago. In June of 2002, a program was started to help released offenders. The Program is called “Churches Embracing Offenders” (CEO). The program is made up of several different churches of different denominations. There are currently 130 trained volunteers.

The CEO program is a voluntary program that works with the clients (offenders) that are referred to it by the courts. There are currently 25 clients participating in the program. CEO recommends a church to the client and monitors attendance utilizing a small committee set up at each participating church. The committee mentors the client and reports back to the courts.

So far the program is looking like a success. The legal system seems favorable towards the program. Since the program is voluntary, the clients are willing participants and the program members get the chance to work with the released clients to help them return to society.



## News From District Three

### Three-Peat for District #3!

The guys from District Three appear to be unbeatable...at least when it comes to basketball. For the third year in a row, District #3 dominated the court at the Three on Three Basketball Tournament held at the Resident Engineer's Meeting on March 2, 3 and 4. Way to go Fellas!!

Picture Caption: Chris Proffitt, Jason Hurt, Shane Blankenship, Kevin Gerald and Tim Eaton have taken first place yet again over approximately 10 other teams who participated from around the Commonwealth.



Students in Mrs. Bragg's fourth grade class from Warren Elementary in Bowling Green were given the task of building a bridge using only gum drops and tooth picks. Jeff Moore, Planning TEBM and Keirsten Jagers, PIO worked with the students before hand and explained the different kinds of bridges and what techniques make them strong. All of students were up to the task and everybody had a good time learning about bridge-building and working as a team.





## News From District Four



### 2004 MARCH OF DIMES KICKOFF

Mary Lynn Warren (left) and Regina Tinsley have a passion for the March of Dimes and shared that sentiment with District Four employees last week. They have been busy soliciting donations from businesses and hope to exceed their goal again this year. Drawings for donated prizes will be awarded at the end of the campaign.

### AND THE BID GOES TO.....

Paul Sanders, District 4 Construction Engineer, held a pre-construction meeting to discuss the district-wide contract that was recently awarded to Reynolds Striping and Sealing of Bowling Green. Striping will begin in April and will be completed by September, 2004.



### BUCKLE UP - GIRL SCOUTS

Becky Judson, District 4 PIO, and the Irvington Police Chief, Jim Miller delivered their message on seat belt safety to the girls scouts at Irvington Elementary School last week. Handouts and videos were shared with Carol Willis' Girl Scout Troup 160.



## LUCKY CHARMS

Cheryl Rockwell, Dana King and Brenda Clark (left to right) were proud of their winnings on St. Patrick's Day. The Coke Committee provided fried chicken, with all the extras, for District Four employees on St. Patrick's Day and gave away prizes during the luncheon. "Thank you" Cassie Allen, T.J. Gilpin, Janice Mozeleski and James Lewis for all your extra efforts.



Dianne Wentworth, Debbie Fulkerson, Nina Hill and Ron Smith, all Safety Specialists, spent the day in District Four's conference room providing annual safety training for employees who work at toll facilities.

## SPRING FEVER

District Four employees, (left to right) Rhonda Nichols, Brenda Hannah, Sharoney Hornback, Dana King and Melanie Peters took time to enjoy the new picnic tables at their new building and the 70 plus degree temperatures that mother nature shared with them. District Four will be celebrating their first year in the new 29,265 sq. ft. building on April 7.



## DON'T MESS WITH THESE GUYS!

**T**im Wilson, Tech III in Construction and T.J. Gilpin, Maintenance Engineer, agree that there are few, if any, programs available that offer so many benefits as a carefully structured Martial Arts Program. It has taught them self-confidence, self-discipline increased concentration, coordination and balance and self-defense.

Tim has been with the Transportation Cabinet for 20+ years and 18 of those years he has been involved with some type of martial arts. He started watching Kung Fu Series when he was a kid and Bruce Lee became his idol. He began at the American Martial Arts Association in Elizabethtown in 1986, attending four days a week. He progressed through the series of belt ranks with his white, yellow, orange, green, purple, blue, red, red/black and black/white and first degree black belt in 1988. Belt ranks are marked on the sleeves or front of their uniform which are called a "do bok." Each series of belts encourages more discipline, sparring, wood breaking and mental questions, such as Korean history, philosophy and questions about martial arts. Colored belts signify techniques that can be used above the waist and the black belt involves techniques that cover any part of the body. There are nine levels in black belt. Tim has a second degree black belt and will be working toward his third in October 2004.

His other passion in martial arts involves "Combat Hap Ki Do." It is a new style of martial arts that started approximately 11 years ago by Grand Master John Pelegriani, an Italian immigrant in Florida. Tim says he prefers the "Combat Hap Ki Do" over the "Tae Kwon Do" simply because it is more of a realistic type of defense – more street smart. Belt ranks are exactly the same as Tae Kwon Do but involves different groups of self-defense techniques. He has a third

degree black belt in Combat Hap Ki Do and will test for his fourth degree in May or June 2004. Tim has been an instructor for Combat Hap Ki Do for seven years at Synergy Gym in Leitchfield and an instructor for Tae Kwon Do for 14 years. Tim has also taught self-defense seminars for the Army Corp of Engineers, as well as women's self-defense classes. Combat Hap Ki Do targets 16 year olds and up and Tae Kwon Do targets five year olds and up. Tim lives in Grayson County with his wife Linda, and sons Michael and Kevin.



T.J. is a second degree black belt who began studying martial arts when he was in the eighth grade. He started with his brother, who was 17 months older. He too, watched too many Jean Claude Van Damm movies as a kid. He attended Y-Lee's Martial Arts in Bardstown twice a week until he was 17. He received his first black belt in the Fall of 1995 and quit when he was a junior in high school. He said he needed time off for his job and a social life. He picked it back up after completing college. He received his second black belt in December 2003. T.J. says the most boards he has broken at one time are three – equivalent to human ribs. He has competed in several tournaments where he was

successful in winning numerous trophies, competing in such events free sparring, forms competition and board breaking. As a black belt, T. J. shares his knowledge and experience with others in hopes of helping them in their training to earn their black belts. He lives in Bardstown with his wife, Cindy and son Austin. T. J. hopes that Austin will follow in his footsteps when he is old enough. T.J. was an engineering scholarship recipient and has been with the Transportation Cabinet almost seven years.





## News From District Five

Friday, March 19, Acting Chief District Engineer Barry Sanders helped open the Aiken Road Bridge in eastern Jefferson County. Pictured below are Kelly Downard, President of the Louisville Metro Council; Lauren Just, Owner/Developer of Persimmon Ridge; D5's fearless leader; Mayor Jerry Abramson; Representative Ron Crimm; Senator Julie Rose Denton; Metro Councilman Hal Heiner; & a representative of Rep. Anne Northup. District 5 was instrumental in helping to secure the \$1.1 million in funding for this county project after the bridge was closed due to structural deficiencies.



Thursday, March 18 at the I-65 South Welcome Center, the public was presented with life-saving highway driving tips as part of the national tour by the American Trucking Associations "Share the Road" Program. Photographers and reporters were taken on "ride-alongs" where they viewed from a truck driver's perspective safe merging and safe stopping distances. Featured at the event was professional truck driver, Danny Ewell, with over a million miles of accident-free driving.

The Adopt A Highway Spring Scrub is right around the corner but one of D5's newest groups has already been hard at work!



Trimble Co. High School FFA, headed by Brian R. Young, was out in force recently cleaning up their section on US-421.



Currently they are the only active group in Trimble County and D5's AAH Coordinator Krista Seymour hopes their enthusiasm and dedication helps to inspire others in their community to take an active part in keeping our Commonwealth clean and beautiful.





## News From District Six

### Millions Spent for Road Improvement

*KY 22 in Owen County to be Widened*

A heavily traveled section of highway in Owen County is getting a facelift. The locals will soon notice improvement work on KY 22. KYTC recently awarded a new \$5.2 million road project to widen KY 22 between Owenton and the proposed new Owen County High School.

"This is extremely important for traffic flow," said Transportation Secretary Maxwell Bailey. "We are anticipating future growth and development in that area and making our road improvements now," continued the Secretary.

Lawrence Construction and Leasing, Inc. from Burlington, KY was awarded the contract in the amount of \$5,280,618.87. KYTC District 6 Resident Engineer Scott Pennington will oversee the project.



District 6 is getting ready to start the second phase of painting the Big Mac Bridge. It is also known as the Daniel Carter Beard Bridge/I-471 Bridge, but it is more locally known as the Big Mac Bridge due to its arches and yellow hue. Bridges R Us was awarded the contract with a bid of 3.7 million. The project began during the Fall of 2003 with the painting of the understructure of the deck of the bridge. Beginning April 1, 2004 work will resume on the arches and support beams. It is scheduled to be completed by September 1, 2004. With Work Zone Safety Awareness Week approaching, motorists should expect the unexpected. Slow down and keep a safe distance between you and the car ahead of you. Pay attention to the signage and possible lanes closures and changes. Safety is a top priority in any Kentucky Transportation construction project, so we encourage motorists to be safe and patient during the highway construction season.



Bo Washington is an Operator 5 for District 6 and has 25 years of service.



Ted Beckham is an Engineer Tech III for the Williamstown Resident Engineer Crew of District 6. He has 25 years of Service.



Carol Schroeder is a Product Specialist II for the Materials Branch of District 6. She has 25 years of Service.



Bob Hill is an Engineer Tech III for the Planning Branch of District 6. He has 30 years of service.





## News From District Seven

Steve Farmer and Carol Shanklin recently represented the KYTC District Seven, Department of Highways, at the Twentieth Annual Kentucky American Water Company Science Fair, hosted by Tates Creek High School. Steve and Carol served as judges for this year's event which drew approximately 600 students from grades 4-12. Forty-one of the fifty-five Fayette County Public Schools (FCPS) as well as three private school organizations were represented.

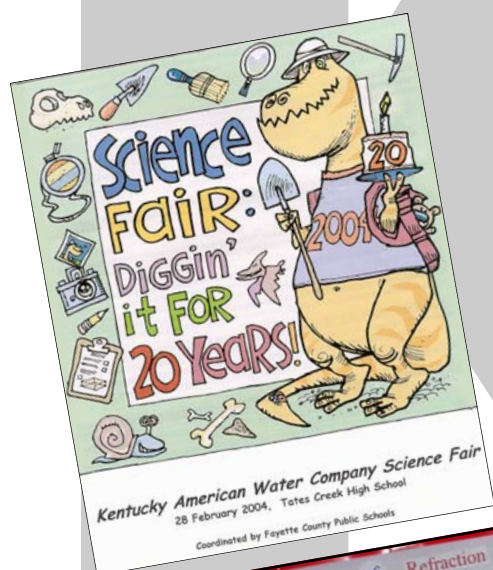
Lori Bowen, Science Specialist with the FCPS, thanked all the judges for giving their time and efforts on behalf of the students of Fayette County saying, "An event of this size would be impossible without the



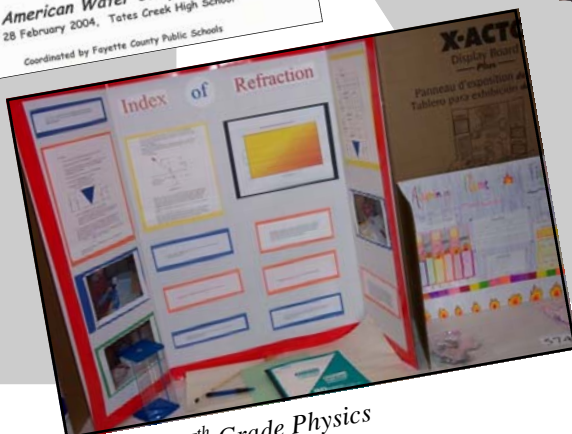
*Steve Farmer, District Seven  
Maintenance*



*Carol  
Shank-*



*View of Science Fair from Upper*



*1<sup>st</sup> Place: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Physics*



## WHAT FLOATS YOUR BOAT?



***Buoyancy...*** that is what fourth and fifth grade students were learning about at Paint Lick Elementary. Pictured are students testing the boats they constructed from a single 6" X 6" sheet of aluminum foil. They learned about surface area, density and Archimedes' principle as they competed to see which boat could hold the most quarters. District Seven Engineers, Steve Farmer and Meghann Skeese, discussed the engineering process with Paint Lick Elementary students.



# **1<sup>st</sup> Annual District Seven Glow Ball Golf Tournament**

(To benefit KECC)

**Friday, April 16, 2004**

**Location:**

**Planters Row Golf Links  
Nicholasville, KY**

**Format: Scramble**

**4 person teams**

**Shot gun start 1<sup>st</sup> Nine Holes promptly at 5:30 PM**

**Dinner served at 7:30 PM**

**Shot gun start 2<sup>nd</sup> Nine Holes at 8:15 PM**

**The first nine holes will be played during daylight. Following dinner, the 2<sup>nd</sup> nine holes will be played using glow balls.**

**Cost: \$45.00 per person (tax deductible)**

**(Includes Golf, 2 glow balls per person, and Dinner)**

**Dinner catered by Famous Dave's BBQ**

**Includes: ¼ Chicken and Pork BBQ Sandwich**

**3 Side Items**

**Soft Drink**

**Join us for a Fun and Unique evening. Door prizes as well as team prizes will be given.**

**\*\*ENTRIES AND PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY  
TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2004.\*\***

**To enter, or for more information, please email or phone:**

**John Carmichael or David Thacker KYTC D7**

**(859)246-2355**



## News From District Eight



On March 16, two new signals were turned on in Rockcastle county on KY 461. The Davis H. Elliot Const. Inc. had to drill holes for concrete bases for steel strain poles because 13 of 14 holes were drilled in limestone rock. The remainder of the job was completed by the joint efforts of

District 8 Traffic, Signal and Maintenance crews. The traffic and signal crews installed the steel strain poles, signal cabinets, signal heads, controllers and miles of wiring to have the signals function properly. Both signals use advance warning flashers. These flashers are used where there are steep grades or a sight distance problem. The flasher comes on in advance before the signal turns red. Rockcastle county maintenance crew used their excavator to trench for underground wiring leading to the advanced flashers. The signal crew installed these new units while also maintaining 82 existing signals, 93 school flashers, 32 warning flashers, and 22 flashing beacons in District 8.





## News From District Eleven

### TRI-STATE COLLEGE AND CAREER EXPO HELD AT PINEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

**D**istrict 11 Information Officer, Sandy Rudder, Quentin Smith and Adam Knuckles, Design Section, participated in the 7th annual Tri-State College and Career Expo held at Pineville High School in Bell Co. on March 10th. Over 1,000 students from area high schools as well as the Cumberland Gap high schools attended.

The Expo began as a vision of board chairman Bruce Trent, Personnel Cabinet, nine years ago. Bruce grew up in this area and knew of similar events taking place at individual high schools. His vision was to coordinate these efforts and give students a broader range of information.

Over 60 Exhibitors, an increase of approx. 10 from last year, were in attendance as far away as Pikeville, Frankfort, Tennessee and Virginia. Eight high schools attended the Expo; **Pineville Independent, Middlesboro Independent, Knox Central, Lynn Camp, Cawood, Bell County, Harlan Independent and Cumberland Gap High Schools.**



*QUENTIN SMITH AND ADAM KNUCKLES,  
D-11 DESIGN SECTION.*

Trent feels there is even more information to be presented to students of the tri-state area. The goal of the Expo is to try and reach every child in the community and offer them an option to advance to a higher education facility—whether it be a college, university or technical school. Plans are to eventually develop an independent private scholarship for a needy student from the area and continue to proactively support this goal.



## News From District Twelve

**C**onstruction of the first section of new US 460 in Pike County is 53% complete, according to Sam Hale, Construction Engineer for Highway District 12.

Kay & Kay Contracting of London, Kentucky, is building the section from US 23 at Yeager to Stagger Fork, a distance of 2.38 miles. The \$23.5 million contract, awarded in March 2002, includes excavation of 6.9 million cubic yards of material, twin bridges across KY 122 and CSX rail lines, culvert pipes, seeding, and tree planting.

A \$17.25 million contract for Section 2 was awarded to Elmo Greer & Sons of London, in September 2002. This 0.877-mile section involves 8.4 million cubic yards of roadway excavation, two overpass bridges, a culvert for an access ramp across Greasy Creek, and construction of an embankment for the west end of a bridge which will eventually allow the new roadway to span Greasy Creek Road.

In December 2003, a \$4.7 million contract was awarded to Bush & Burchett of Allen, Kentucky, for Section 7A, a bridge which will cross the Russell Fork of the Big Sandy River from KY 1373 to John Moore Branch. The project is 0.20 miles long and consists of a two-lane, five-span steel girder bridge with decorative concrete. There are 174,133 cubic yards of roadway and channel change excavation involved. Work should begin next month.

John Michael Johnson, D-12 Project Manager, said



**Excavation of 6.9 million cubic yards of material is required for the first section of new US 460 in Pike County. — Photo by Palmer Engineering**

the bridge will provide a crossing for construction of a controlled embankment for economic development purposes, using excess excavation from Section 7A (Beaver Bottom). By building the bridge now, the crossing will be completed by Section 7A's 2005 construction letting.

The next section is scheduled to be let in May. The remaining eight sections are in the right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation phases. Construction lettings will be scheduled as federal funds are received.

Ultimately, new US 460 will run from the intersection of US 23 just south of Pikeville to the Virginia state line near Breaks Interstate Park, where it will intersect with a connector to the Coalfields Expressway in Virginia. The road and the project are part of the Appalachian Development Highway System, which means that the work is federally funded and administered by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

Danl Hall, Chief District Engineer, said the entire corridor carries an estimated price tag of \$500 million and is expected to be completed in 10-12 years. He suggested that people visit the US 460 website which is a link from District 12's Web site: <http://transportation.ky.gov/D12/> to stay updated on the project.



**Twin bridges will cross KY 122 in Pike County as part of the first section of new US 460.**

— Photo by Palmer Engineering